

Become a *Naturalist at Heart* at the Falls of the Ohio

Do you think of yourself as a naturalist at heart? If so, consider joining the *Naturalist at Heart* program at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. This exciting program was created three years ago and combines education with volunteering. Interested applicants are interviewed to establish mutual goals. Volunteer interests are matched with the needs of the park and its visitors.

New participants may attend an orientation on January 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., or January 10th from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Those unable to attend on these dates can schedule an orientation at a mutually convenient time. Participants will be offered 12 free classes relating to the natural and cultural history of the Falls of the Ohio. Lessons cover subjects including geology, biology, pre-history, interpretation, and more. Certification as a *Naturalist at Heart* is reached after 40 hours of lessons and 50 hours of volunteer time at the park. This is an on-going program allowing participants continuing education opportunities with Level 2 classes. These offer more in-depth topics and are held throughout the year.

For more information on participating in educational opportunities at the Falls of the Ohio State Park contact Connie Farmer, Volunteer Coordinator, 812-280-9970, ext. 404.